

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☐

Property Name: Finger Piers District Inventory Number: B-5078  
Address: Russell, Ostend, Gwynn's Falls, and Middle Branc City: Baltimore Zip Code: 21230  
County: Baltimore City USGS Topographic Map: Baltimore West  
Owner: Multiple Is the property being evaluated a district? X yes  
Tax Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: 25 Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Project: MagLev Agency: MTA  
Site visit by MHT staff: X no \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the property is located within a historic district? \_\_\_\_\_ yes X no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
NR-listed district \_\_\_\_\_ yes Eligible district \_\_\_\_\_ yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context \_\_\_\_\_ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible \_\_\_\_\_ yes X no

Criteria: X A    B X C    D Considerations:    A    B    C    D    E    F    G    None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Vertical files, Maryland Department, Pratt Library; Survey files, CHAP; "Baltimore: Industrial Gateway on the Chesapeake," by Latrobe, 1995, B-1086 MHT Form

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Finger Piers District in bounded by Ostend Street to the north, Russell Street to the west, Gwynn's Falls to the south, and the Middle Branch of the Patapsco River to the east. The piers were gradually created between 1859 and 1877 in the area then known as Ridgely's Cove. As commercial activity in south west Baltimore increased with the expanding area industrialization, the piers took shape. By the turn of the 20th century, the piers were host to numerous small factories and warehouses.

The Maryland Chemical Company, the Mount Vernon Distillery, Baltimore Distilling Company, the C. D. Pruden "fireproof door and window" factory, an irregular temporary lumber yard, Jason B. Macneal Paints, Oils, and Varnish Company, Hanline Paint Company and the Gibson and Kirk Brass Company and Machine Shop are but a few of the businesses that have been located on or near the Finger Piers during its extensive use period.

Despite the numerous industrial resources formerly located on the Finger Piers site, few extant structures retain enough integrity to be considered eligible for the National Register. One exception of note is the Hanline Paint Company, B-1086, located at the corner of Stockholm and Warner Streets. The Hanline paint company, although within the boundaries of the recommended not eligible Finger Piers district, is itself individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. A separate DOE form for

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Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended X  
Criteria:    A    B    C    D Considerations:    A    B    C    D    E    F    G    None  
MHT Comments

Andrew Lewis ✓  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

[Signature]  
Reviewer, NR Program

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the Hanline Paint Company has been submitted in this survey. (B-1026)

The Finger Piers themselves were previously examined in at least one cultural resource survey of the area (Gwynn's Falls Pathway Phase III), and were found to lack sufficient integrity and significance for inclusion in the National Register. This DOE concurs with that finding, as there is evidence (in Sanborn Maps and aerial photos) that the original piers as constructed between 1859 and 1870 have been severely altered over time by adding to- and subtracting from- the slips. Changes in slip size in turn changed the size of the piers themselves, so no distinct period of significance for the Finger Piers can be delineated.

This DOE recommends that the Finger Piers District, and the Finger Piers themselves, are not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

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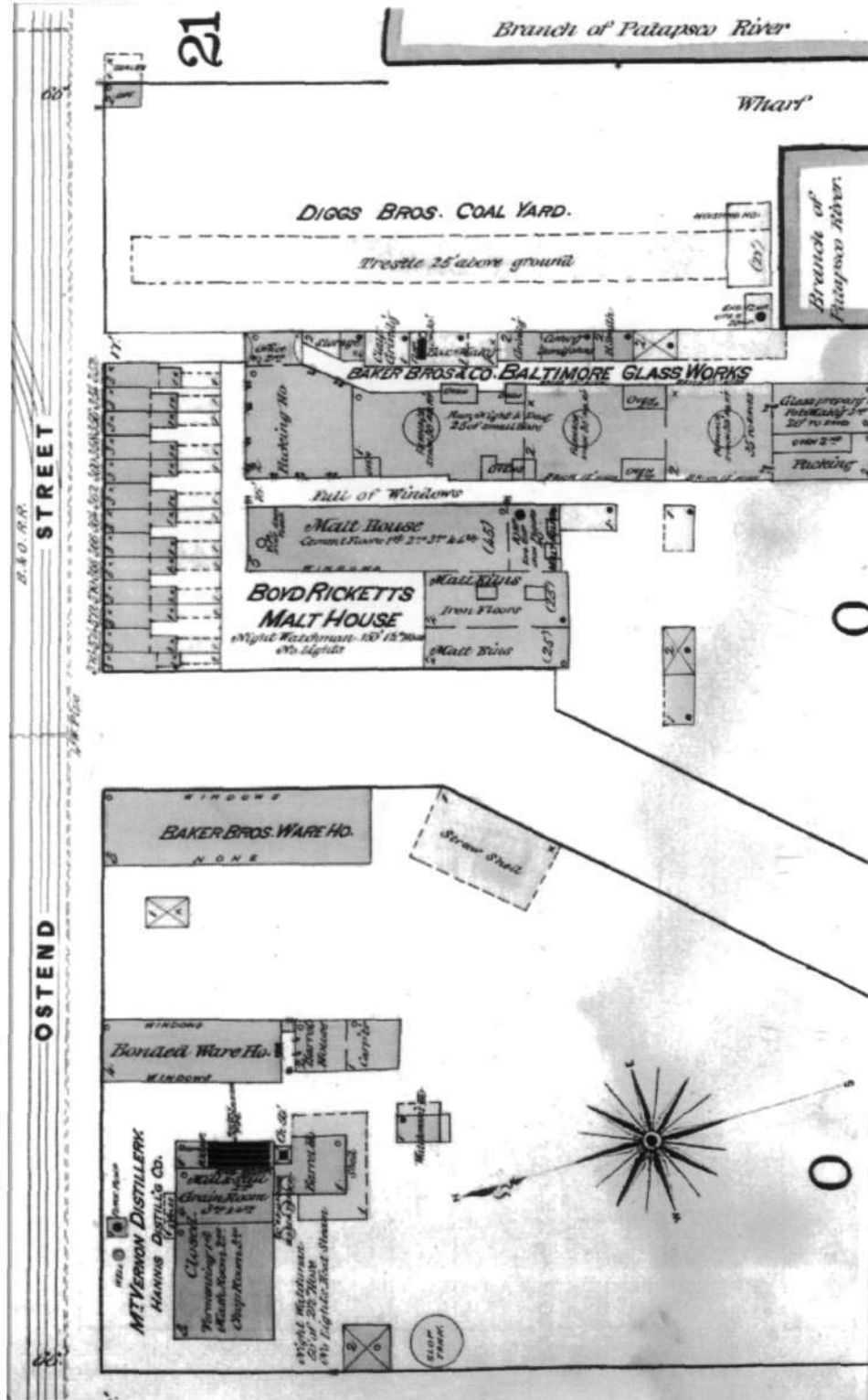
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Finger Piers District (northern two blocks)

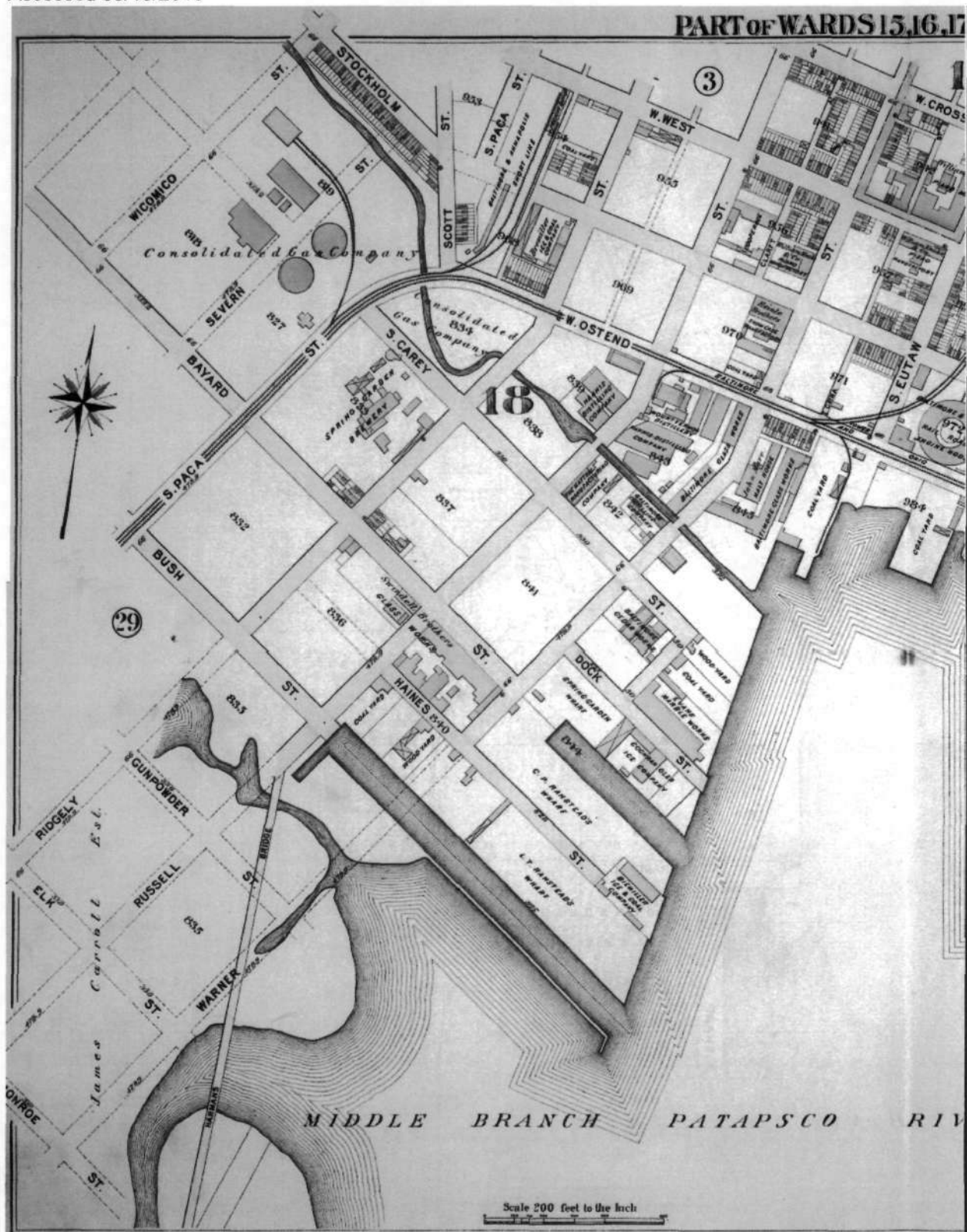
Baltimore, Maryland, Sanborn Map and Publishing Co., 1879, Sheet 21

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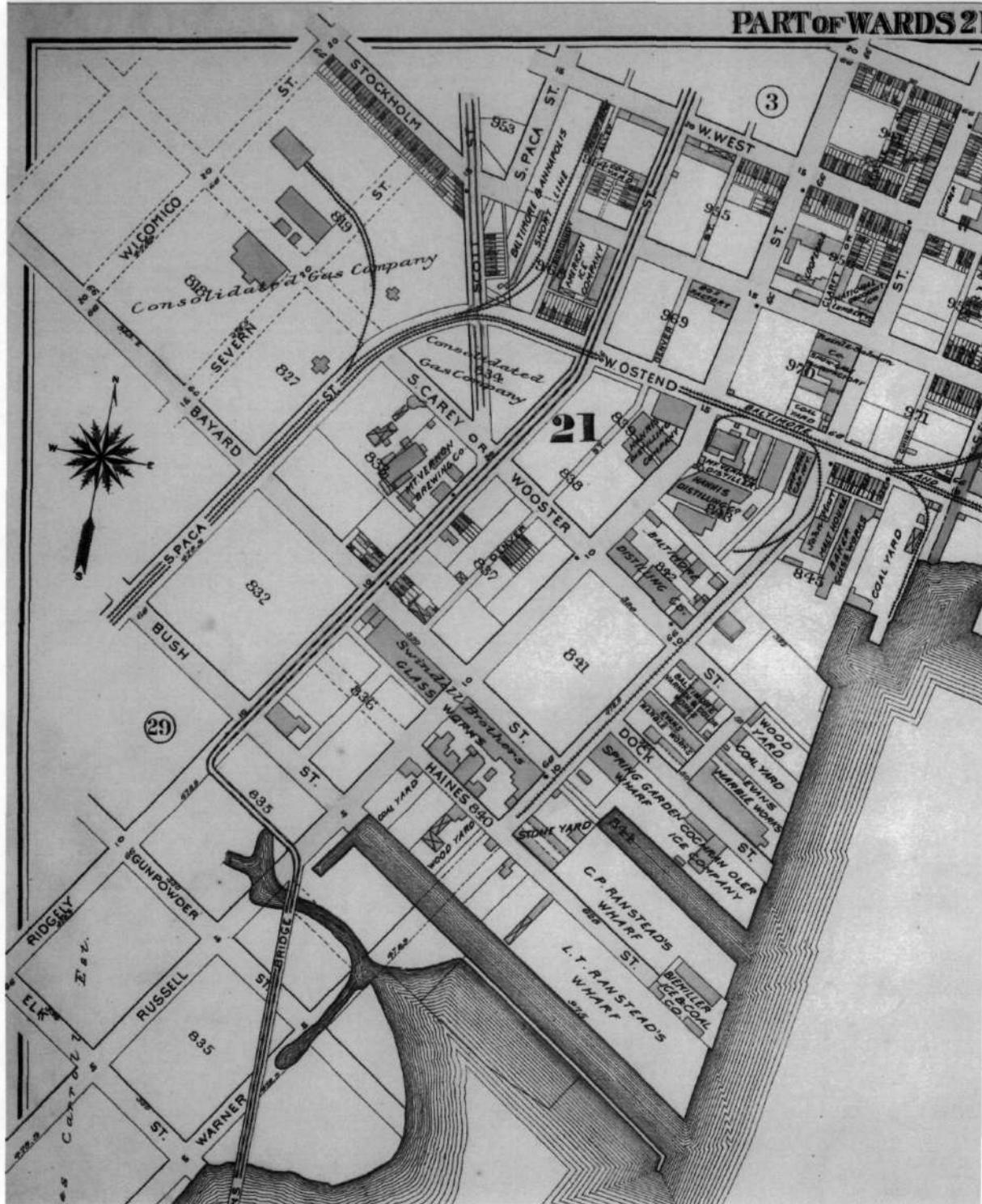
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Plate 30: Part of Wards 21 & 23

Atlas of the City of Baltimore, Maryland. G.W. Bromley & Co., 1906

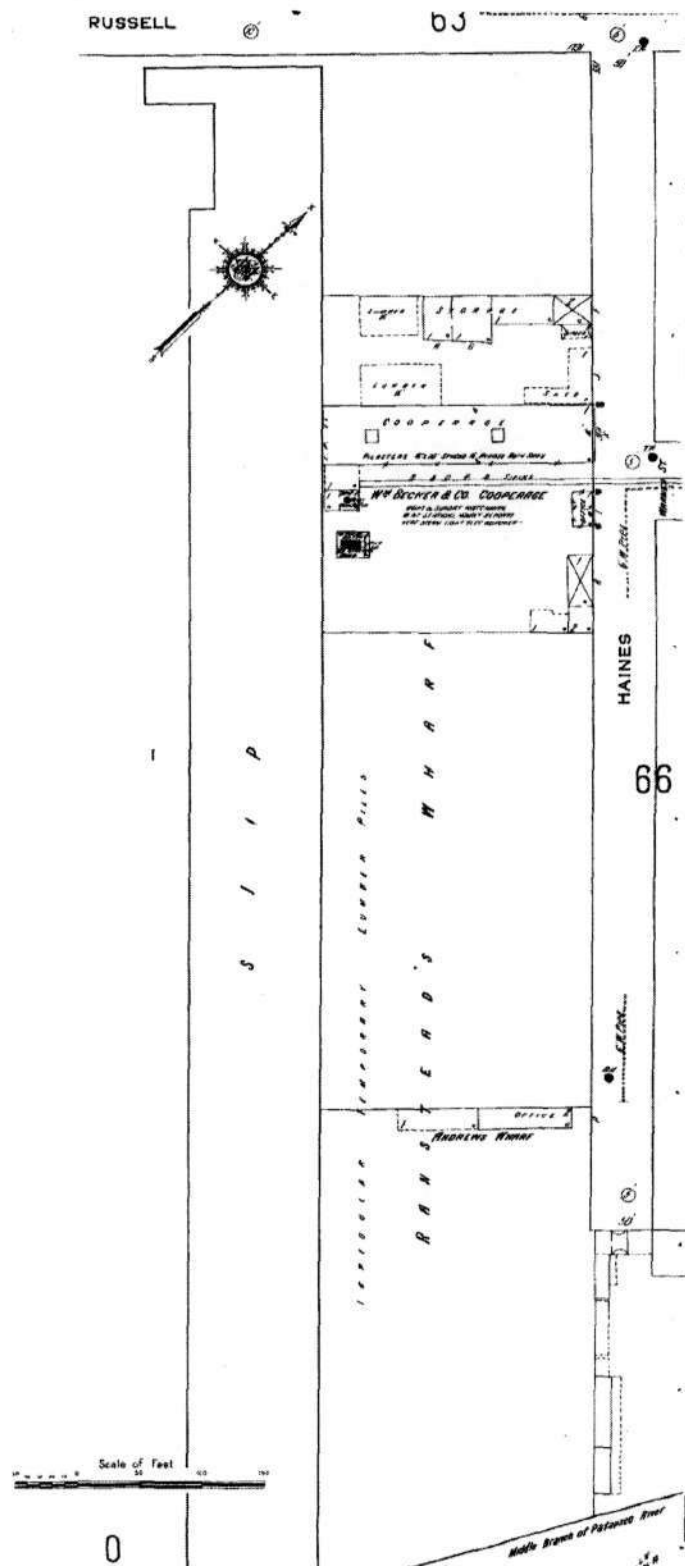
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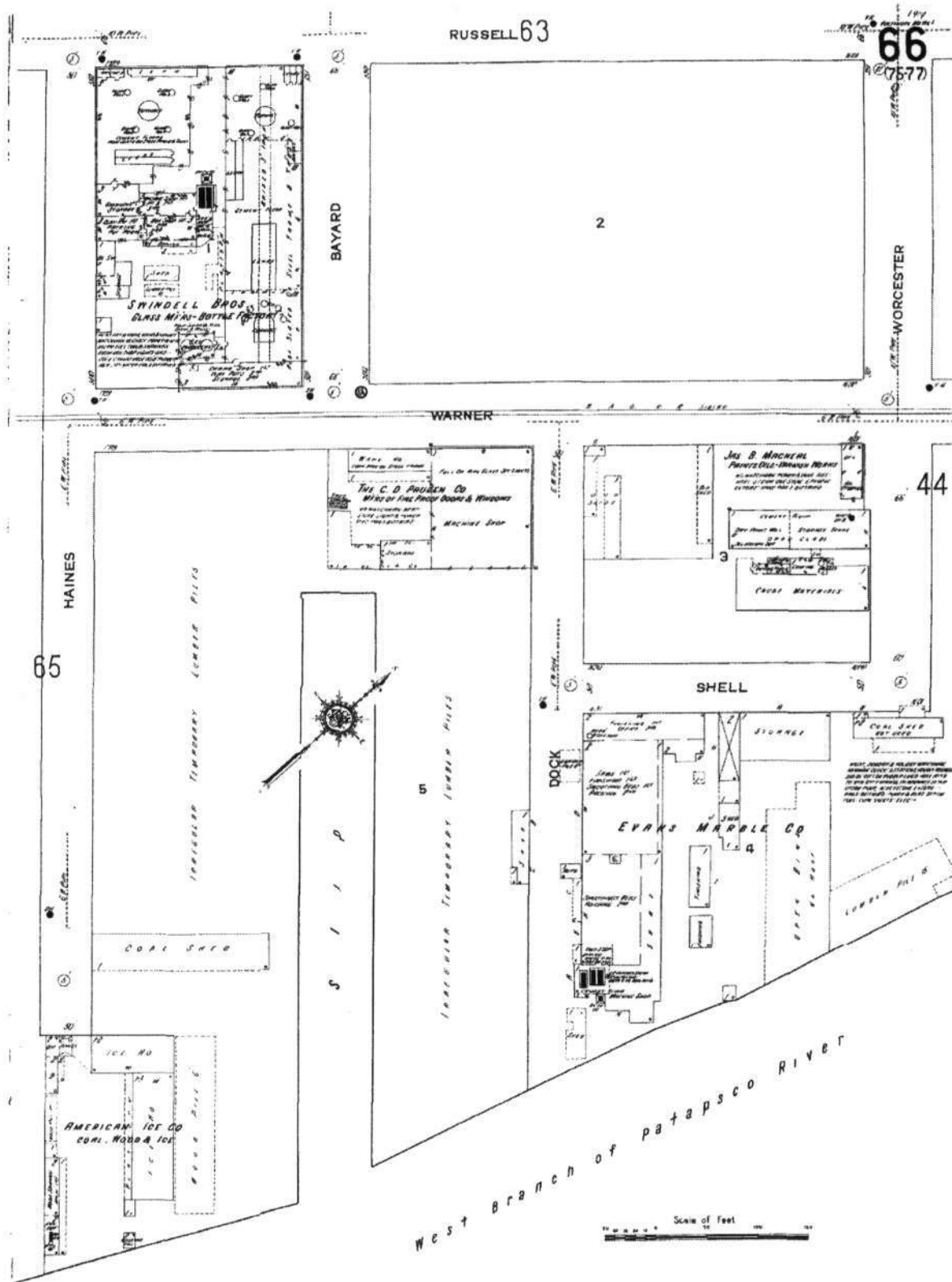


Finger Piers District (Wharf west of Haines St.)  
Sanborn Map, 1914. Volume 1, Sheet 65



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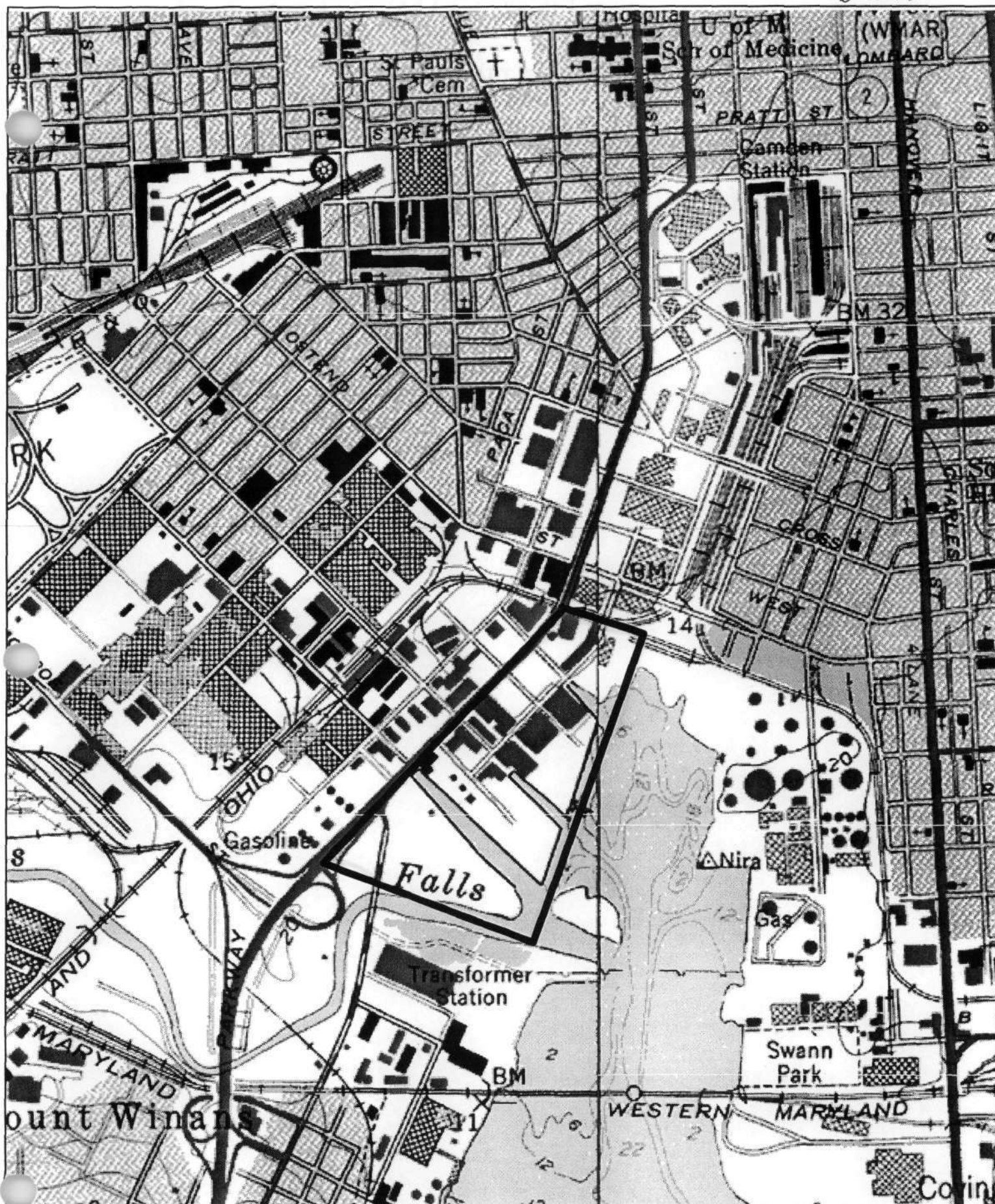
Finger Piers District (Haines St. east to Worcester St., west to Russell St.)  
Sanborn Map, 1914. Volume 1, Sheet 66



Sanborn Map, 1914. Volume 1, Sheet 44







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 Date: 10/3/2002  
 Scale: 1 inch equals 1000 feet

Location: 039° 16' 32.7" N 076° 37' 40.0" W  
 Caption: B-5078 Finger Piers District - recommended not eligible



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